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The Honorable James P. Moran U.S. House of Representatives 430 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Moran:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Commission's establishment of competitive bidding procedures to award licenses for personal communications services (PCS), pursuant to the provisions of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (OBRA). You recommend that the Commission consider the use of the Small Business Administration's (SBA's) Section 8(a) program as the vehicle for implementing our spectrum auctions. You also note that this approach will enable the Commission to further several objectives of the OBRA.

The Commission has contracted with the SBA and has hired a contractor under the Section 8(a) program for its first auction for narrowband services. The use of this SBA program will advance the Commission's goal of conducting auctions for PCS licenses expeditiously, while affording an opportunity for small and minority businesses to participate in the federal procurement process.

We appreciate very much receiving your letter.

Sincerely,

Director

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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt Chairman FCC 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to request your consideration of using the Small Business Administration 8(a) program for the implementation of the proposed radio spectrum auction.

I am aware of the statutory requirements imposed by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, in which Congress mandates that the FCC initiate competitive bidding for Personal Communications Services within 270 days of enactment (by May of 1994). It is my belief that SBA's 8(a) program is a capable mechanism to both expedite the process and permit the greatest legally permissible procurement vehicle to establish a reliable license auctioning system in time to meet the statutory deadlines.

I strongly encourage the FCC to utilize the SBA 8(a) program as a contract vehicle for conducting auctions of the electromagnetic spectrum. As you know, the 8(a) program enhances opportunities for small and minority owned businesses to participate in the Federal government procurement process. Also as noted above, use of the 8(a) program in this instance is in the best interest of the government because it clearly meets the statutory deadlines for implementation of the auction system for deficit reduction purposes.

Thank you for your consideration and I will look forward to your response.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

JAMES P. MORAN Member of Congress

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